

Events of Interest

June 2005

Society for Heart Valve Disease

Third Biennial Meeting: **June 17-20, 2005**, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada (abstract deadline: January 31, 2005). *For information:* Executive Secretariat: telephone: 44 20 7351 8534; fax: 44 20 7351 8531; E-mail: secretariat@shvd.org; Web site: www.shvd.org.

The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

Annual Meeting: **June 22-25, 2005**, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, the Empress Hotel. *Address for information:* 900 Cummings Center, Suite 221-U, Beverly, MA 01915 (fax: 978-524-8890; E-mail: wtsa@prri.com).

August 2005

ACCP: Pulmonary Board Review Course 2005

Course: **August 19-23, 2005**, Scottsdale, Arizona, The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa. *Contact name:* Member Services (telephone: 1-800-343-2227 US; 1-847-498-1400 international; Web site: www.chestnet.org).

ACCP: Critical Care Board Review Course 2005

Course: **August 24-28, 2005**, Scottsdale, Arizona, The Westin Kierland Resort & Spa. *Contact name:* Member Services (telephone: 1-800-343-2227 US; 1-847-498-1400 international; Web site: www.chestnet.org).

W.E.S.T.—Western Endovascular Strategies & Therapeutics

Symposium: **August 29-31, 2005**, San Diego, California, Omni Hotel. *Address for information:* Promedica International, a California Corporation, 7777 Center Ave, Suite 500, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 (telephone: 714-799-1617, ext 3; fax: 714-799-1686; E-mail: crussell@promedica-int.com; Web site: <http://www.promedicacme.com>).

September 2005

Valvular Heart Disease: Advanced Surgical and Interventional Therapies

AATS First Postgraduate Course: **September 9-11, 2005**, Chicago, Illinois, Fairmont Hotel. Director: Delos M. Cosgrove III, MD; Medical Director: Martin B. Leon, MD. *For information:* Megan Tainer, Meeting Manager (telephone: 978-927-8330; E-mail: mtainer@prri.com).

2nd Cardiosurgical Lugano Meeting: Mini Invasive Approaches in Cardiac Valvular Surgery—State of the Art 2005

Meeting: **September 17, 2005**, Lugano, Switzerland. *Address for information:* Anna-paola Boschet, Congress Manager, Cardiocentro Ticino, Via Tesserete 48, CH-6900 Lugano, Switzerland (phone: +41 91 805 31 92; fax: +41 91 805 31 67; E-mail: annapaola@cardiocentro.org; Website: www.cardiocentro.org).

Fourth World Congress on Pediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery

Congress: **September 18-22, 2005**, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sheraton Buenos Aires Hotel & Convention Center. *Address for information:* Congress Secretariat c/o Congresos Internacionales S.A., Lima 355 PB "B"—C1073AAG Ciudad de Buenos Aires, Argentina (telephone: +54-11-4382-5772; fax: +54-11-4382-5730; Web site: www.congresosint.com.ar/pccs2005; E-mail: pccs2005@congresosint.com.ar).

October 2005

Brigham Cardiac Valve Symposium

Symposium: **October 27-28, 2005**, Boston, Massachusetts, Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel. *Address for information:* Norman Shostak, Harvard Medical School—CME, 21 Landmark Center, 2nd Floor West, 401 Park Dr, Boston, MA 02215 (telephone: 617-384-8611; fax: 617-384-8686; E-mail: norman_shostak@hms.harvard.edu).

Announcements of major meetings and other significant activities must be received at least 8 weeks before the desired month of publication. Information will be limited to title of meeting, date, place, and an address to obtain further information. Send announcements to Pamela W. Fried, Editorial Office, The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, MCP Hahnemann University, 245 N 15th St, Mail Stop 496, Philadelphia, PA 19102-1192.

ACCP: Chest 2005

Course: **October 29–November 2, 2005**, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Montreal Convention Centre. *Contact name:* Member Services (telephone: 1-800-343-2227 US; 1-847-498-1400 international; Web site: www.chestnet.org).

November 2005

Third International Meeting of the Cardiac Bioassist Association

Meeting: **November 8-10, 2005**, Fort Collins, Colorado, Marriott Hotel. *Contact information:* Eric.Monnet@ColoState.edu (Web site: www.cb2a.org).

The Failing Heart Under Stress: Multifactorial Aspects of Acute and Chronic Heart Failure

Symposium: **November 20-22, 2005**, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, RAI Congress Center. *Address for information:* Promedica International, a California Corporation, 7777 Center Ave, Suite 500, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 (telephone: 714-799-1617, ext 3; fax: 714-799-1686; E-mail:

crussell@promedica-int.com; Web site: <http://www.promedicacme.com>).

17th Biennial Congress of Association of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons of Asia (ATCSA)

Congress: **November 20-23, 2005**, Manila, Philippines, Makati Shangri-la Hotel. *Address for information:* Avenilo P. Aventura, Sr, MD, Chairman, Organizing Committee, 17th Biennial Congress of Association of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeons of Asia (ATCSA), Congress Secretariat: PATACSI Office/ATCSA Secretariat, 2F, Philippine Heart Centre, East Ave, Quezon City 1100, Philippines (Web site: www.atcsa.org; E-mail: infoAatcsa.org).

February 2006

10th World Congress of the International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus: Pathophysiology, Medical and Surgical Management of Oesophageal Disorders

Congress: **February 22-25, 2006**, Adelaide, South Australia. Chairs: Glyn Jamieson and John Dent. *For information:* phone: +61 8

8274 6060; fax: +61 8 8274 6000; E-mail: jpower@sapmea.asn.au; Web site: www.sapmea.asn.au/isde.

April 2006

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery

Annual Meeting: **April 29–May 3, 2006**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Convention Center. *Address for information:* 900 Cummings Center; Suite 221-U, Beverly, MA 01915 (fax: 978-524-8890; E-mail: aats@prri.com; Web site: www.aats.org).

June 2006

The 14th Annual Meeting of The Asian Society for Cardiovascular Surgery (ASCVS)

Annual Meeting: **June 1-3, 2006**, Osaka, Japan, Osaka International Convention Center. *Address for information:* Secretariat of the 14th ASCVS, National Cardiovascular Center, 5-7-1 Fujishirodai, Suita, Osaka, 565-8565, Japan (telephone: 81-6-4863-7290; fax: 81-6-4863-7289; E-mail: ascvs2006@iris.ocn.ne.jp).

Notices of Correction

In the January 2005 issue of the *Journal*, in the article by Park and associates titled “Left Ventricular Assist Devices as Destination Therapy: A New Look at Survival ” (2005;129:9-17), several errors were made. On page 9, the affiliations for Annetine Gelijns, PhD, Alan Moskowitz, MD, and Eric Rose, MD, should be changed from “University of Alabama at Birmingham” to “Columbia University, New York.” On page 11, paragraph 2, final sentence, “13% (95% CL, 2%-17%)” should be changed to “9% (95% CL, 1%-16%).” On page 12, paragraph 2, third sentence, “29% (95% CL, 19%-40%) and 9% (95% CL, 0%-16%)” should be changed to “19% (95% CL, 4%-34%) and 9% (95% CL, 0%-18%).”

In the January 2005 issue of the *Journal*, in the article by Ikai and associates titled, “Preliminary Results of Fetal Cardiac Bypass in Nonhuman Primates” (2005;129:175-81), the name of one author was misspelled. The correct spelling is Sunil Malhotra, MD.